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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Pakistan: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and the annex thereto, in particular the guiding principles contained therein,

Deeply concerned about the magnitude and ruinous effects of disasters and emergency situations, which call, inter alia, for more international cooperation to mitigate the human suffering of their victims and to expedite the rehabilitation and reconstruction processes,

Expressing its concern about the lack of adequate and prompt response of donors to disasters and emergency situations,

Underlining the need for availability of additional financial resources to ensure adequate and prompt response to humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations,

Welcoming the establishment of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and the appointment of an Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, as envisaged in resolution 46/182,

Emphasizing the role of the Emergency Relief Coordinator in ensuring better preparation for, as well as rapid and coherent response to, natural disasters and other emergencies,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

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1. Emphasizes the dynamic role of the Secretary-General in mobilizing the necessary resources for full implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/182;

2. Decides to increase the resources of the revolving fund, based on voluntary contributions, to ensure the rapid and coordinated response of the organizations of the system;

3. Calls upon donor countries who have pledged contributions to the revolving fund urgently to fulfil their commitments;

4. Also calls upon donor countries to adopt necessary measures to increase and expedite their contributions in support of those United Nations activities related to emergency humanitarian situations;

5. Recognizes the need for provision of adequate qualified personnel and administrative resources to the Department of Humanitarian Affairs;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in his annual report on the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance, to review the effectiveness and achievements of the new institutional arrangements of the Humanitarian Assistance System, as well as the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/182;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities and advantages of establishing warehouses for regional emergency items and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.